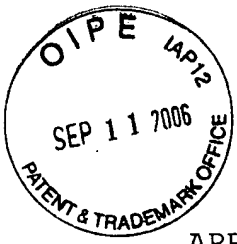


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RESPONSE

I. INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2006 in regard to the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following remarks. No amendment is made herein, and the claims are presented only for the Examiner's convenience.